Is Every Choice Submitted to the Goal of Being like Christ?

Being born again is the beginning of spiritual life and the gateway to the Kingdom of God. It is the most important moment in a person's life—the moment when all things become new. As Scripture says: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Through being born again, a person is restored to a relationship with God and receives a new identity: that of a disciple—a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. But this identity is not an end point, but a new beginning—the beginning of a process of transformation whose ultimate goal is to become like Christ in character, thought, and living.

We were created in the image of God, endowed with soul and spirit, with the gifts of thought, reasoning, faith, and choice. These gifts are not only privileges but also responsibilities. God has given them to us to use actively in the process of spiritual maturation.

We are called to cooperate with Christ in the shaping of our character. He offers us grace, and through the Holy Spirit gives us encouragement and guidance, yet He will not do in our place what belongs to our personal responsibility.

God does not force man's will and does not replace free choice with His sovereign intervention. Obedience, discipline, and a sincere desire to be transformed are our part in this process of sanctification.

Therefore, discipleship is not a passive process, but an active journey in which God's grace works together with the will of the born-again man. It is a life lived in obedience, as Lord Jesus lived, with the goal of becoming like Him in character and deed.

Several concrete situations have been presented, designed to help the reader become aware of his spiritual condition. However, there are many other such situations, which we encourage the reader to analyze in a similar way in order to discern whether his new birth is truly authentic.

New life in Christ involves constantly evaluating every aspect of our lives in the light of God's Word. It is an essential practice for disciples to ask themselves sincerely, "Would the Lord Jesus do this?" If the answer is no, then the disciple, who is called to live like his Teacher, cannot continue in that direction. This attitude is an authentic expression of life in the Kingdom of God, where all things become new and are subject

to the reign of Christ.

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